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SUNDAY TRAILWAYS ON JUNE 24 TO CELEBRATE FANNO CREEK TRAIL

When THPRD went about conceiving a brand-new summer event, the planning committee had the good sense to recognize the success of Portland Parkways and the desire to create a similar atmosphere for Beaverton-area residents.

With some good timing and an inspired brainstorm, THPRD has conceived the fun, active outdoor event it sought -- with a twist to make it unique.

"Sunday Trailways" is scheduled for June 24 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. It will be a free event with activities for kids and adults at various points along the Fanno Creek Trail. The trail, which extends 4 1/2 miles within THPRD boundaries from Garden Home Recreation Center to Greenway Park, features some of Beaverton's most scenic areas, including the Koll Wetlands, Fanno Farmhouse and Vista Brook Park.

"Hosting this event on the Fanno Creek Trail, one of our most popular trails, meets so many of our objectives," said Lisa Novak, Park District superintendent of Programs and Special Activities. "It promotes awareness of our trails, it's active, it's community and family-oriented, it highlights our natural resources and it showcases a non-motorized alternative for city travelers."

The event will begin with a grand opening ceremony to commemorate January's completion of the "missing link" of the trail, a half-mile segment extending from the intersection of Scholls Ferry Road and Allen Blvd to the end of 105th Court (near the intersection of Denney Road and Highway 217).

After that, trail neighbors and patrons of all ages and fitness levels are invited to walk, run or bike the route, meet neighbors and enjoy activities throughout the trail.

Planned activities include:

- Body fat/fitness assessments by THPRD personal trainers (Garden Home)
- Kids station with face painting, games and activities (Garden Home)
- THPRD Rec Mobile with activities for kids (Vista Brook Park and Greenway Park)
- Natural Resources education with park rangers (Vista Brook Park)
- Food/beverages for sale (Greenway Park, Garden Home)
- Historical guides/performances (Fanno Farmhouse)
- THPRD Nature Mobile with opportunities for kids touch real animal fur and feathers (Koll Wetlands)
- In-depth info on THPRD trails (Greenway Park)
- Free basic bike repair (Greenway Park)

THPRD encourages patrons of all ages and activity levels to join us for a new summer tradition on the trail. Ditch the car for a day and celebrate nature with friends and family.

For more information, visit <u>www.thprd.org</u> or call 503/645-6433.

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